

2015

**M.A. Part-II Examination**

**HISTORY**

**PAPER—VIII**

*Full Marks : 100*

*Time : 4 Hours*

*The questions are of equal value*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Answer any six questions.*

1. Discuss critically the main features and trends concerning the Bengal Renaissance.
2. Discuss the role of Iswarchandra Vdyasagar in the social reform movement in 19th Century Bengal.
3. Make an assessment of the humanist and rational elements of Swami Vivekananda's conception of social reform.
4. How have different historians defined the growth and nature of communalism in modern India ?

(Turn Over)

5. Write a note on Gandhiji's views of society with special emphasis on his attitude to untouchability.
  6. Would you argue that Ambedkar's Social ideas were much more radical than his contemporaries ?
  7. Discuss the structure of the pre-modern Indian village community, pointing out the tensions in it, if any.
  8. Examine the effects of Ryotwari Settlement on agrarian society and economy of the Madras Presidency.
  9. What are the factors which induce commercialization of agriculture? Discuss with reference to jute as a commercial crop in colonial India.
  10. Why did the colonial industrial policy in India undergo a change after the First World War and to what extent ?
  11. Describe the nature of the Zamindari system as it existed during the late 19th and early twentieth century in India.
  12. To what extent did the development of the Indian Railways promote the growth of industrialization in India ?
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